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07-13-21 - 1125 - Dixie Troubleman - NDCC  
Operator #1

1 DIXIE TROUBLEMAN: [REDACTED] Chico.

2 NDCC OPERATOR #1: [REDACTED] how the hell  
3 are you?

4 DIXIE TROUBLEMAN: I'm awesome. How  
5 about yourself?

6 NDCC OPERATOR #1: I'm doing quite all  
7 right, you know. No complaints here.

8 DIXIE TROUBLEMAN: That-a-boy. Good to  
9 hear.

10 NDCC OPERATOR #1: Yeah. Yeah.  
11 Getting warm out there?

12 DIXIE TROUBLEMAN: Yeah, the old truck  
13 says 80 degrees. It feels hotter than that,  
14 but...

15 NDCC OPERATOR #1: You guys have had  
16 some crazy heat up there, huh?

17 DIXIE TROUBLEMAN: Yeah, it's 100 and--  
18 right at about 110, 111.

19 NDCC OPERATOR #1: God, that's not the  
20 weather you want to be shimmying up and down a  
21 pole.

22 DIXIE TROUBLEMAN: No. And I was  
23 surprised though. Up here in our area at least,  
24 our system -- I was on call this weekend. Our  
25 system held together pretty good.

1 NDCC OPERATOR #1: Right. Yeah.  
2 You're pretty acclimated to the heat, though,  
3 coming from Bakersfield, right?

4 DIXIE TROUBLEMAN: Yeah. And that's  
5 the nice thing up here is I have noticed through  
6 the solar we don't have (indiscernible).

7 NDCC OPERATOR #1: Oh, really? You  
8 guys had a lot down there?

9 DIXIE TROUBLEMAN: Oh, yeah. I was on  
10 shifts down there, come on at 2:00 in the  
11 afternoon and that is all you did all night was  
12 put bad cable, bad (indiscernible). I mean, I  
13 come up here, these guys are like, holy shit, you  
14 must have worked on a lot of undergrounds, huh?  
15 And I go, oh yeah, first thing I do in  
16 underground, I just start putting salt  
17 (indiscernible).

18 And I just said to [REDACTED] the other  
19 night, I said, I can't believe -- well, there's  
20 some false indicators. I said, yeah.  
21 (indiscernible) tells me put them on the load  
22 side, not in (indiscernible). I said, so now I  
23 know what section of cable (indiscernible). I  
24 said if you put it on the in and out, now I know  
25 if it's that section of cable or it's the

1 transformer.

2 NDCC OPERATOR #1: Right.

3 DIXIE TROUBLEMAN: You know, why would  
4 you do half of it?

5 NDCC OPERATOR #1: Right. No, I know  
6 that. Yeah, it was a big difference for me  
7 initially. I was working for a while down in San  
8 Jose, De Anza area. There was a ton of  
9 undergrounds, you know. And then coming up here,  
10 working with some of the guys who weren't so  
11 familiar with it, it's a different ball game.

12 DIXIE TROUBLEMAN: Oh, yeah. Yep.

13 NDCC OPERATOR #1: But it definitely  
14 helps when everybody's on the same page and it  
15 goes a lot smoother.

16 DIXIE TROUBLEMAN: Oh, yeah.  
17 Definitely.

18 NDCC OPERATOR #1: But --

19 DIXIE TROUBLEMAN: What can you tell me  
20 about this fuse 805? (indiscernible) we've got  
21 issues behind the meters or something?

22 NDCC OPERATOR #1: Okay, yeah. So what  
23 it was -- let me get over there, Bucks Creek --  
24 so what is that? Which dam is it? Cresta?  
25 Yeah, so Rock Creek called earlier, and they were

1 asking if we were having trouble on that Bucks  
2 Creek 1101. And I told them no, not as far as I  
3 can tell. And so he sent his rover out there,  
4 and they do in fact not have any station service.  
5 And he said that it's something on our primary  
6 because the tunnel, I think right there at  
7 Cresta, he said it's dark.

8 DIXIE TROUBLEMAN: Yeah. Oh, shit. It  
9 just -- they put them fuses -- it takes about an  
10 hour and a half once you get on that on that  
11 shitty ass road to get to the fuses. I dealt  
12 with this the last time they had bad arrester  
13 that blew the -- kept blowing the fuses. But it  
14 was a slow burn. So I plugged the fuses in, and  
15 it'd hold them. By the time I drive all the way  
16 around, which takes about two hours, the fuse  
17 would blow up top.

18 NDCC OPERATOR #1: Oh, god.

19 DIXIE TROUBLEMAN: Yeah, so instead of  
20 -- instead of these guys being smart and putting  
21 the fuse (indiscernible) at that switch -- what  
22 is it here? Switch -- oh, it ain't that one.  
23 It's way up there by the -- instead of putting it  
24 there, because it's all line, that the only thing  
25 there is, they put fuses up there. Like I said,

1 it's in the worst damn spot.

2 NDCC OPERATOR #1: Right. Yeah, I see  
3 there's like a permanent tag that's been placed  
4 on my map that says no access to 17733. Are  
5 those the hard ones to get to or is it 805?  
6 Because it looks like we've got two sets right  
7 there.

8 DIXIE TROUBLEMAN: So the switch, what  
9 they need to do is put a set of fuses at 641.  
10 It's right next to the highway and all it does is  
11 (indiscernible). And let me see. 805 -- oh, you  
12 know what? No, yeah, the ones you said are the  
13 ones up on the hill that are hard to access.

14 NDCC OPERATOR #1: Gotcha. The 17733?

15 DIXIE TROUBLEMAN: Yeah. Yeah.  
16 (indiscernible).

17 NDCC OPERATOR #1: Gotcha. Yeah, so I  
18 would say, because the breaker's closed, it still  
19 has a good load. I don't have any other  
20 indication of trouble. I would say it's probably  
21 one of those two fuses.

22 DIXIE TROUBLEMAN: Yeah. Maybe I'll  
23 luck out and it's the station (indiscernible). I  
24 don't think I'll get that lucky, but maybe I  
25 will.

1 NDCC OPERATOR #1: Cross your fingers.

2 DIXIE TROUBLEMAN: Yeah. Okay. Hope  
3 in one hand and shit in the other and see which  
4 one fills up faster.

5 NDCC OPERATOR #1: Exactly. Oh, that's  
6 a good one. It's the shit. I take it you're the  
7 one heading up there, huh?

8 DIXIE TROUBLEMAN: Yep. So I will be  
9 there -- I'll probably be there in about, I don't  
10 know, an hour.

11 NDCC OPERATOR #1: Okay. Cool. Right  
12 on. Just let me know whatever you got.

13 DIXIE TROUBLEMAN: All right. Will do,

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15 NDCC OPERATOR #1: Okay. Appreciate  
16 it.

17 DIXIE TROUBLEMAN: Alright buddy, bye.

18 NDCC OPERATOR #1: Bye.

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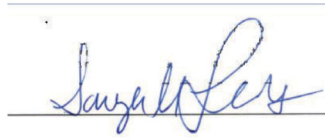
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